



**Captain
Lawrence Rice
United States Navy**

**Commanding Officer
USS Enterprise (CVN 65)**

Captain Lawrence Rice, a native of Los Angeles, graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering May 30, 1979. He received his wings and was designated a Naval Aviator on Sept. 1, 1981, after undergoing training at VT-27, VT-26, and VT-24 in Corpus Christi, Texas, and Beeville, Texas.

Following replacement fighter training in the F-14 Tomcat at Fighter Squadron (VF) 124, Naval Air Station Miramar, Captain Rice was assigned to the “Bounty Hunters” of VF-2 on board USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63). Additional Fleet tours include the VF-111 “Sundowners” on board USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) and another tour in VF-2 where he served as Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer. Following nuclear power training he reported as the Executive Officer of USS Enterprise (CVN-65). After Enterprise, he assumed command of USS Cleveland (LPD-7) in San Diego. Recently, he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Training and Exercises for Striking Fleet/Second Fleet in Norfolk, Va.

Shore duty assignments have taken him to VF-124 as an instructor pilot, and to Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet/Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command/Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic where he served as the aide to the Commander in Chief. He was then selected to serve as VF-124’s Executive Officer.

In January 1993, he attended Harvard Business School’s Program for Management Development in Boston. He also has a master’s degree from the Naval War College.

Captain Rice has accumulated over 3,500 F-14 A/B/D hours and 700 carrier landings. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals (3), Air Medal (Strike Flight), Navy Commendation Medals (2), and the Navy Achievement Medal.



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